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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Psychiatric Program

REFERENCES : a. Memorandum for DD/S, dated 22 October 1957, Subject: The Psychiatric Program
b. Memorandum for C/MS, dated 17 October 1957, Subject: Outside Activities of Psychiatrists

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I informed Dr. [redacted] last week that any discussions regarding his future would necessarily involve the United States Public Health Service. However, in reply to his basic question, I stated I was not interested in having the Psychiatric Program headed by anyone on a part-time basis. He indicated that he would prefer to outline his position in writing for our consideration, to which I agreed. His memorandum is attached, addressed to you. Attached also is a previous memorandum to me on the subject "Outside Activities of Psychiatrists".

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I am prepared to deal with this situation but I am forwarding these memoranda to you out of courtesy to Dr. [redacted] and in the event you care to discuss this with me before I take final action.

JOHN R. TIETJEN, M.D.
Chief, Medical Staff

Attachments:
Referenced Memoranda

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1 to 2: John - I have studied all of the attached papers very carefully. As you know, I am very proud of our Psychiatric Program and would certainly hate to see it go down hill. At the same time, I do not see how we can place our psychiatric service on a different basis from that of the remainder of our Medical Program. I believe that there should be some way for us to provide psychiatrists on a full time basis without resorting to the unusual, and to my mind somewhat questionable, solutions which [redacted] proposes. I would, of course, regret Bob's leaving the Agency inasmuch as I think that he is extremely capable. However, if he is convinced, as his paper would indicate, that there is no alternative, then I suppose we must accept his position and work out some other means of carrying on our Program. As grateful as I am to Bob, I think that this is not entirely a one-sided affair inasmuch as he has gained extremely valuable experience with the Agency and has, at our expense, received valuable training which I assume contributes in a large measure to his having reached a stage in his profession where he feels that he can no longer satisfy his professional desires and continue in his present capacity. Accordingly, if he is to leave I would assume that he would be more than glad to remain with us until we find a suitable replacement and assist us in every possible way to do this.

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L. K. White

31 Oct 57

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